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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 0513

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, CA, US

SUBJECT: US-CANADIAN MEETING ON BILATERAL ENERGY ISSUES

REF: OTTAWA 0476

1. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 11 IVAN HEAD, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRIME MINISTER, TOLD DCM THAT GOC WOULD BE PROPOSING THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON EARLY BILATERAL MEETING ON ENERGY ISSUES. GOC HOPED THIS REQUEST MIGHT HELP TO AVOID EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS DURING MONDALE VISIT. IN EARLY EVENING DCM AND ECON COUNSELOR RECEIVED PHONE CALLS FROM EXTAFF WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND ECONOMIC BUREAU RESPECTIVELY CONFIRMING THAT GOC IN LETTER FROM PM TRUDEAU TO PRESIDENT FORD (BEING DELIVERED MOMENTARILY IN WASHINGTON IN REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S RECENT LETTER TO PM) WAS PROPOSING MEETING AT SENIOR OFFICIAL LEVEL ON MARCH 18. (NOTE: TEXT OF LETTER SENT SEPTTEL DOES NOT MENTION SPECIFIC DATE.) EXTAFF OFFICIALS SAID GOC DID NOT INTEND TO PUBLISH LETTER BUT HAD NO OBJECTION TO U.S. REFERRING TO IT, INCLUDING IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MONDALE.

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WM COMMENT: GOC CLEARLY WENT TO UNUSUAL LENGTHS

TO ENSURE THAT EMBASSY "GOT THE MESSAGE." TIMING
OF GOC PROPOSAL WAS UNDOUBTEDLY INFLUENCED BY
U.S. EXPRESSIONS OF ANNOYANCE AT LAST-MINUTE
CANCELLATION OF FEBRUARY 10 MEETING AND, WE ASSUME,
BY DESIRE TO GET BALL ROLLING BEFORE MONDALE VISIT
SO AS TO AVOID LATER IMPRESSION THAT GOC REACTING
TO PRESSURE FROM SENATOR.
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